



ARIZONA CENTENNIAL

Arizona's 100th Statehood Day Happy Birthday Arizona Ceremony

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 9 a.m.

Arizona Capitol Museum, Outside on Main Stage

Happy Birthday, Arizona!

And, good morning to all of you -- on this beautiful and glorious day -- the day we celebrate Arizona's one hundredth year of Statehood!

I'd like to begin by reading from a Proclamation I signed -- officially designating this day -- the 14th day of February 2012 -- as ... Arizona Centennial Day ... which says, in part ...

WHEREAS, one hundred years ago today, on February 14, 1912, after nearly forty-nine years as a U.S. territory and thousands of years as a sacred home to indigenous people, Arizona became the forty-eighth and last of the contiguous states to enter the Union of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Arizona continues to be recognized for its cultural and natural beauty, a high quality of life, and its innovation in all fields including agriculture, science and technology, optics, aerospace and defense, renewable, alternative and solar energy, bioscience, health care and vibrant small businesses;

WHEREAS, the beginning of the second century of statehood offers an opportunity for all Arizonans to envision the future and strive toward new achievements in education, innovation, economic development, and social well-being for the people of Arizona;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State hereby proclaim the 14th day of February 2012 as:

"Arizona Centennial Day" throughout the state of Arizona -- and encourage all citizens to participate in events commemorating, celebrating, and honoring the culture, traditions and beauty of Arizona, and to reflect on the future of the state of Arizona as we embark together on a journey into the next one hundred years.

Signed at the executive office this 14th day of February 2012.

It's exciting to see so many of you here this morning.

And, while we have a full day of activities here at our Capitol, I know around the state many cities and counties are also celebrating this very special day.

In fact, there are more than 425 Legacy Projects and Official Centennial Events sanctioned by the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission and the Arizona Centennial Commission -- many of which you'll see during today's Centennial Expo on the Senate and House Lawns.

So, please, enjoy this day.

Every day I serve as your Governor is a great honor -- but it is a special honor to be able serve as we celebrate this historic milestone and as I see the great pride and enthusiasm all over the state.

May God bless you and your families -- the great state of Arizona -- and may God always bless and protect the United States of America.

Thank you.